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For: **IRON-BASED SINTERED ALLOY, IRON-BASED SINTERED ALLOY MEMBER, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND OIL PUMP ROTOR**

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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

The attached document contains a copy of the Japanese Patent Office Action citing Japanese patent publications Nos. H6-41609, H1-259103, and 2003-328011. Of which, a copy of No. H1-259103 is attached herewith. Nos. H6-41609 and 2003-328011 have been submitted with the applicant's Information Disclosure Statement of July 5, 2005.

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